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COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES **October 20, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Cutler, Maureen St. Hilaire, Janice Dallas, Jack Jones ADA Coordinator, Heidi Hample, and Susan James.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Bean, Lin Baker, Kerrie Fallon, and Barbara Jones

Guests: Corey Dinkin, Paolo Marinelli

Corey Dinkin presented to the Commission some complaints and concerns he has with the Department of Health and Human Service, the office of the Board of Health and the landlord regarding his tenancy. Mr. Dinkin claims there are housing code violations at his residence. Mr. Dinkin is requesting the Commission to support him with a letter accompanying his letter to Deputy Town Manager. Barbara C. said we could write a letter of concern regarding his disability. B. Cutler advised Mr. Dinkin to contact BCIL.

J. Dallas spoke about concerns at Raleigh Street using a wheelchair. B. Cutler suggested she send a picture to the DPW.

Copies of the letter regarding bus shelters were handed out to the commission members.

There was a discussion about Town Day. Some newsletters did not get handed out. The booth ran out of bags. H. Hample suggested starting the newsletter in June. H. Hample requested that articles written be edited by their author and wanted some guidelines on how to write an article for the newsletter.

B. Cutler suggested we send a report to the finance committee and also send the newsletter to all departments.

B. Cutler discussed her article that was printed in the Advocate.

J. Jones discussed the curb cut ramps, some damage that was done due to getting the proper pitch and the expected repairs before completing the project.

J. Jones said the Deputy Town Manager would let him know when the meeting of the Capital Plan will be held. Members from the Commission should be at this meeting. B. Cutler said a letter also needs to be sent.

J. Jones spoke to Chris Loretto who said he would not be the person writing policy on bricks. B. Cutler clarified our request that he attend a meeting in an advisory capacity.

J. Dallas said the ramp at the library is made of bricks. She sent a note to DPW Director John Bean.

There was a discussion about chair lifts and keys.

B. Cutler discussed some new books she bought for the commission at a conference.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.